PREMISES LIABILITY -- FALL ON SEWER GRATE IN HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

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INSURANCE COMPANY: ***SSCRMP (SECONDARY SCHOOL COOPERATIVE RISK MANAGEMENT POOL)***
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Diane Adamczyk v Township High School District 214, Buffalo Grove High School 02L-1252 (refiled from 97L-2088) Tried Oct. 3-6, 2005 (8)

VERDICT: Not Guilty v both defts

JUDGE: Richard B. Berland (IL Cook -- Law)

PLTF ATTY: Fred Rabinowitz of *Schaffner, Rabinowitz* DEMAND: $25,000 ASKED: $151,707
DEFT ATTYS: Michael E. Kujawa and Jamie E. Knodel of *Judge, James & Kujawa* (Park Ridge) for both defts (SSCRMP) OFFER: $15,000 total
PLTF MEDL: Dr. Richard Mannion (Orthopedist) and Dr. Robert T. Nixon, Jr. (Orthopedist)

FACTS: March 24, 1996, pltf F-36 administrative assistant was heading back into Buffalo Grove High School to retrieve her purse when she tripped over a sewer grate in the parking lot and fell, sustaining a trimalleolar ankle fracture ($16,000 medl., $1,400 LT 2 weeks). Defense contended accident did not occur as pltf claimed and the alleged condition in the parking lot was open and obvious.